

State Needs \$300 Million To Complete Water Plans

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SACRAMENTO — California's gigantic water project now about half complete may be up to \$300 million short of funds for its completion.

This is the speculation of William R. Gianelli, director of water resources. Considerable more detail on the fund shortage is expected to be revealed when a task force appointed by Gianelli to study the whole project makes a report in mid-May.

The fund shortage, which Gianelli estimated could be between \$200 and \$300 million, would be in addition to the \$325 million in revenue bonds which were authorized for expenditure on the project, along with the \$1,750,000,000 bond issue approved by the people in 1960.

The revelation that the project is short of funds to go to completion will not come as any great surprise to persons familiar with the history of the project. The amount, if pinned down by the task force, could provide the shake-up.

When the Burns-Porter bond issue act was put on the ballot in 1960, many experts knew then the money would be insufficient. However, there was a hesitancy to ask the people to vote for any higher amount of bonds.

BUT THE big fallacy in pre-1960 planning for the project was that there was no consideration given to calculation of construction

prices. Of course, as Gianelli said, how could anyone estimate accurately at that time just how much increase in costs there would be.

"This fund shortage is one of the reasons we wanted the task force to study the project," Gianelli said. "Everybody says there are no problems. But, if there are money problems, it ought to be brought into the open so the public can be aware of it."

One of the things that may have lulled the people into a false sense of security, as construction of the project progressed, is the fact that bids for nearly all units of construction have been listed as below "engineers estimates."

"The problem here is that these estimates are not those made before 1960 but those made after final design and just before the unit of the work is ready to go to bid," Gianelli said. "Here again, of course, there was no way to estimate in 1960 what the costs would be in 1967."

"BUT A MORE meaningful figure on costs, as units of the project are put to contract, might be the bid price, the engineers estimate, and then the estimate which was made in 1960 or before," he said. "I'm hopeful the task force will provide some of this type of information."

Governor Ronald Reagan's administration has spent a considerable part of its short

time in office explaining how it inherited a huge deficit from the previous administration and apparently will have to explain the same sort of problem with the water project.

But what will happen? Will construction be discontinued? This hardly would be the case. The project now is like one early feature—before the bond issue was approved—when Governor Goodwin J. Knight secured budget approval for building a bridge half-way across a river above Oroville Dam. Once that part of the bridge was built, the legislature had to come up with the money to complete it.

GIANELLI SAID it appears, at this point, there may be several alternatives for providing the needed money. One, of course, would be submission of another general obligation bond issue to the people for approval.

The schedule of construction of the remainder of the project also will be studied, Gianelli said, with an eye toward whether postponement of some features might save money without causing too much damage to the overall project.

There also is a potential that additional revenue bonds might be developed, Gianelli said.

LAST, OF COURSE, is the possibility of finding more

funding from the state's general fund. However, with Reagan proposing \$946 million in new taxes this year just to keep the fund's head above water, this doesn't appear to be a very likely source for water project money for some years to come.

Gianelli said he is hopeful the task force will recommend a number of alternatives for the additional financing, thus not tying the department to one particular avenue.

Not included in the possible \$300 million cash shortage for the main project is another estimated \$178 million which will be needed to build the on-shore recreational facilities associated with the project. While the administration of Governor Edmund G. Brown succeeded in passing legislation in 1961 requiring simultaneous construction of these features — so the recreational facilities would be ready for use when the reservoirs filled — it never found any source of funds.



ANN LANDERS

Don't Be Defensive

Dear Ann Landers: I have a 20-year-old son who has Cooley's anemia. Because of this illness he has not grown to normal size. He looks like an eight or nine-year-old child.

The illness did not affect his mind. He is a very alert young man—beautifully creative and unusually talented. The problem is that people come over when we are shopping and ask why "the little boy" isn't in school. I know they don't mean any harm, but my son resents being treated like a child. I wish I knew what to say. My son would like some advice on the subject, too.

Now that he is driving a car he is often stopped by people who want to know how such a young child obtained a license. How should we respond to inquisitive people? — STUMPED

Dear Stumped: Both you and your son should be as casual as possible. Simply say, "He is not in school because he has finished his schooling." It is not necessary to mention the illness or make any defensive statements. A sensible person will figure out that the young man has a growth problem and go on about his business.

Dear Ann Landers: I am the world's loudest cook. We are in a low income bracket, which adds to the problem because my husband gets furious when I have to throw out food, which is like almost every night.

I have really tried to make decent meals but I am just a miserable cook. Everything I make turns out tasteless or too highly seasoned—undercooked or burned. My cakes fall and my pies have to be chiseled out of the pan. I can't even get jello to jell.

I am not a kid, Ann, I am 26 years old. My cooking is ruining our marriage. Help! Please! — DESPERATE

Dear Desperate: Anyone who can read can cook.

Buy a beginner's book on how to prepare simple meals. Follow the book to the letter. Make sure you have the right cooking equipment to start with (the book will tell you what you need). If you really want to be a good cook, nothing can stop you.

Dear Ann Landers: I didn't like your answer to the woman whose mother-in-law kept asking her to get out of the picture because she wanted snapshots of the "four generations." I think the mother-in-law hates the woman and this was just one of the mean things she did to hurt her.

For years my grandmother has been using tricks to keep my mother out of family pictures. She says, "I want just the children in the picture now." Then she hands the camera to my mother and says, "I'd like a picture of me with Joan, or Jeffery, or Susan."

My mother has taken so much abuse from my grandmother it is a rotten shame. I think you should be more sympathetic to women who have miserable mothers-in-law. — OLDER NOW

Dear Older: Life is rough for women who have miserable mothers-in-law, but daughters-in-law can be miserable, too.

I must deal with the facts as I see them, and the woman who wrote made an enormous issue over something which I felt was unimportant, and I told her so.

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Help for the Fat Man Just Around the Corner

Fat men in this country are being discriminated against. About the only time an overweight gentleman is inspired to go on a crash program to lose excess weight is when he is in the process of dumping his wife and primping for a rerun on the marriage-go-round.

A wife who considers her husband a fat slob is usually the most amazed when, as his ex, she spots him sporting a new charm

want those sweets, and, by the way, have you heard the latest about Sadie Slob? Well, let me tell you . . ." and a choicer tidbit is substituted for the sweet morsel.

Until recently TOPS was strictly for women, while all men had to look forward to was the Topless. But even fat women have a heart under all that flab and now they've decided to share their agony with men.

TOPS executives are proposing a sort of auxiliary for men, giving new hope for male suffrage, provided enough men will crusade for their equal rights in the battle of the bulge.

Heretofore there have been no male groups organized in a concerted crusade against obesity. The poor, overworked man continues to spread across and over his swivel chair, guiltily consuming business lunches on an expense account and suffering and fattening in lonely abandonment, while his wife meets with her chubby friends and is encouraged to slim, seductive goals surrounded by friends and well-wishers.

The bulls are joining the heifers, and the fatted cows will now be mooing encouragement to him. Understand, of course, that this is all still in the talking stage and the scales are held in readiness awaiting enough fat men willing to join together in a losing cause.

It may just work. What more incentive does a man need to resist an urge than a little black book of phone numbers from which he can select at random any one, two, three or more understanding sufferers and cry out, "Hurry, come hold my hand and deliver me from all temptations?"

COUNT MARCO

on his arm, looking slim, trim, and virile. Why not? All he needed was incentive.

But must American husbands wait for such a drastic measure as divorce to encourage them to reduce?

Why can't they receive the same encouragement to hold that fat line as is offered to their wives?

However, there seems to be hope ahead. It moes from no less a helping hand than those fat little dears themselves, members of the excess lard renderers' organization known as TOPS.

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If any member unexpectedly finds herself considering a cookbook, fingering a chocolate or desiring a dessert, she dashes to the nearest phone and calls for help from one of her fellow sisters in gluttony, who urges, "Hang on, my dear, it's just a passing fancy. You really don't

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DOUBLE EAGLE . . . Boy Scout Troop 154 held a double Eagle Court of Honor at which Randall Lenton (left) and Bill Seckinger were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Lenton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lenton of 22226 Linda Drive, and Seckinger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Seckinger of 22414 Linda Drive. Both are South High students.

Two Boy Scouts Get Eagle Rank

Two South High students have been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a double Eagle Court of Honor held by Boy Scout Troop 154.

The new Eagle Scouts are William Seckinger Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Seckinger Sr. of 22414 Linda Drive, and Randall Lenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lenton of 22226 Linda Drive.

Lenton is a freshman at South High, while Seckinger is a sophomore.

OTHER SCOUTS who received awards during the Court of Honor included: Jack Arnold, Kenneth Bally, Gary Marshall, and Dennis Smock, tenderfoot awards; Mark Adams, Tim

Narbonne Schedules Open House

Narbonne High School will hold its annual open house Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in observance of Public Schools Week.

Richard H. Nida, principal, has invited parents of students and other members of the community to visit the school during the event. Theme for the event is "Insure America's Future . . . Know and Support Our Public Schools."

Members of the Narbonne PTA will serve dinner to the school staff between 5 and 6 p.m., Mrs. Ivan Smith, president, said.

Among special events planned for the evening is the annual outdoor concert by the Narbonne High School Band and choral groups, a demonstration of theatrical work at the school, and an exhibit of the new Traffic Simulator Trailer used for driver training courses.

The movie "Drop Out," starring Soupy Sales, will be shown throughout the evening.

Coordinators of the event are Arthur Freier and John Small.

Bus Trip To Ranch Planned

A trip to visit the famed William S. Hart ranch in the Newhall area has been scheduled next Saturday by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Buses will leave from McMaster, Walteria, and Victor parks at 10 a.m. Cost for the trip is \$1.75 per person and the buses will return about 4:30 p.m.

The trip is open to youngsters 7 years of age and older. Children under 7 may make the trip if they are accompanied by an adult.

Additional information and reservations may be obtained from any supervised park or playground in the city.

Best Teen Cook Named In Contest

Darlene Hedlund, a senior at Chatsworth High School, has won top honors in the Teen Cuisine Contest sponsored by the Southern California Gas Co.

Renee Ponder of Beverly Hills High School and Mary Arrillage of Inglewood High won second and third places.

The contest drew entrants from 50 Southland high schools.

MERIT BADGES were awarded to Frank Adams, John Adams, Victor Bradley, Steven Blankenship, John Chianis, Jack Christensen, Craig Fisher, John Hooks, Randall Lenton, and John Wilner.

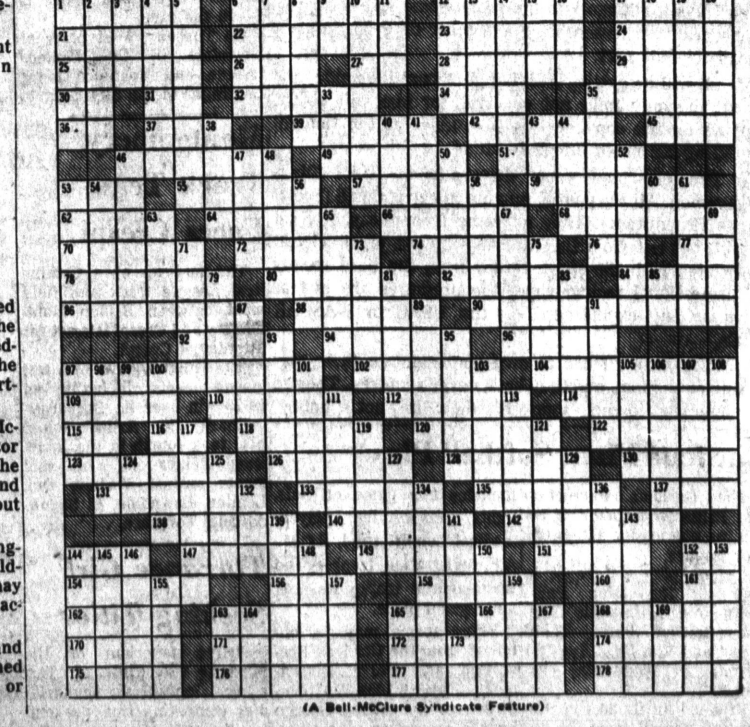
Randall Lenton received the gold camping medal and the bronze camping medal was awarded to Craig Fisher, Jeff Jones, Frank Adams, and John Adams. Craig Fisher received the senior scout strip and the bronze palm award.

Presentations were made by Dean Fisher, scoutmaster; Alan Streeter, Wendell Jones, and Robert Vrans, assistant scoutmasters; Duane Marshall, Francis Stuckey, Richard Smith, and Richard Homesly, committeemen; and John Adams, scout instructor.

Troop 154 is sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

- (Answer on Page B-4)
- ACROSS
- Shaving implement
 - Deprive of parents
 - Can't
 - Mineral springs
 - Place of combat
 - Grooved wheel of pulley block
 - River of France
 - Calico's rope (slang)
 - Satan
 - Solving item
 - Mr. TV talking horse
 - Produce of India
 - Turkish regiment
 - Proposition
 - Caribbean windstorm
 - Drawing room
 - Swordman's dummy stake
 - A caper
 - State (abbr.)
 - Insect's egg
 - Icelandic island
 - Old World finch
 - Vessel's curved planking
 - One of the gods of the Northmen
 - Decorative plants
 - State fabric (pl.)
 - Stroke lightly
 - Perceived through
 - Condensed
 - To assert
 - Things done
 - Prevaricators
 - Being of a dark color
 - Continued story
 - File
 - Follows an eating regimen
 - Boxer
 - Symbol for asparium
 - Earth goddess
 - Triads
 - Fatens securely
 - Krait, for instance
 - Spanish pot
 - Tempera
 - Kind of fruit
 - Chancellor of W. Germany
 - Cheep off
 - Line of juncture (pl.)
 - Part of camera
 - Opposing
 - Color, Venetian red
 - Having left a will
 - Norse god of war
 - Sailing vessel
 - Approaches
 - Beffitted
 - Prefix: two
 - Symbol for calcium
 - Kind of lens
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 - Flouts
 - Man's name
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 - Publisher
 - Growing out
 - Swimming mammals
 - Twists about fixed point
 - Form of trapezohing
 - Derby winner
 - Sir Walter
 - Kilns
 - Catfish like bird
 - Paras
 - Exclamation of triumph
 - Exact satisfaction for
 - Man's nickname
 - Strike with open hand
 - Clays
 - Theater
 - Passageways
 - Its symbol was blue eagle
 - Level
 - Portent
 - Incrustation on teeth
 - Spanish title
 - Surgical thread
 - Roman bronze
 - Auctions
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 - Form of trapezohing
 - Narrow apertures
 - Franco's country
 - Anglo-Saxon slaves
 - Football position (abbr.)
 - Caused to flow over
 - Turkish title
 - To rally forth
 - Slow-moving creature
 - Indian tent
 - Proclamation
 - Spanish for yes
 - Spoomies liable to
 - Pierces with horns
 - Kingdom of Burgundy
 - Jouip Broz
 - Cossack leader
 - Racketer's
 - A paradise (pl.)
 - Heaps
 - Anger
 - To assault
 - Coin (pl.)
 - To hinder
 - On account (abbr.)
 - Spanish room
 - Racketer's strong man
 - A rooster
 - To soak
 - Young chicken
 - To foster
 - To make fast
 - Measure of Tripoli
 - Cause
 - Great Lakes duck
 - hunting boat (pl.)
 - Ancient district on
 - Angian sea
 - Pastime
 - Open wounds
 - Give way to
 - Bundle of twigs for fuel
 - Rugged crest of mt. range
 - Heraldry: grafted
 - Terminata
 - Soll
 - Drunkard
 - Golf score
 - Snake
 - Abstract being
 - Arab sleeveless outer garment
 - Six



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